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Student works full-time at Paducah, Ky. TV studio as a reporter, on top of finishing her communications degree.

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Presidential candidates offer varying visions for UTM Party leaders spar over fee increase, student appointments

Will York

A proposed \$50-per-semester increase in student fees to benefit UTM's athletics programs has become a rallying point for presidential candidates vying for the top leadership position in the Student Government Association.

During the April 11-12 university elections, students will elect SGA leaders as well as vote in a referendum on the fee increase. But SGA leaders have the authority to override the referendum if the results don't align with their political interests. Both candidates said they would support the outcome of the referendum.

Becky Dykes, presidential candidate representing the YOUTM Party, said her party supports the fee increase, which Director of Athletics Phil Dane pitched to the SGA Senate in February.

"Athletics is a big pub-

licity for our university," Dykes said. "For us to be able to compete at the level we need to, I think the \$50 would be very helpful. They're not using (the money) for scholarships, they're using it for lighting and other programs."

She said the \$100-per-year student fee increase, which would take the annual athletics fee from \$208 to \$308, "can only help."

"The fee can't hurt. I think it's a great idea," Dykes said.

Already, Athletics gets the biggest chunk, or 43 percent, of student activity fees. Dane told SGA the increase is needed to keep pace with other schools' athletics programs, which he said would in turn help the university as a whole through recruiting. But Dane said UTM students would pay more than other students at Tennessee schools because UTM's enrollment is lower than any other NCAA Division I college in the

state. Still, Dykes supports the referendum's outcome, even if it doesn't come out in favor of the fee raise.

"I think the fact that it's gone to a referendum is excellent. It's a 50-percent jump, so it's important enough to go to a referendum."

She added working with UTM's Office of Alumni Relations has made her particularly sensitive to athletics' positive influence on the university at large.

Still, Dykes, who is the current SGA Chief of Staff, said the final outcome is up to the students.

"Whatever students choose, that's what we have to go with."

Dykes said the most important issue facing stu-

dents is educating the incoming chancellor on UTM customs and student needs.

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Dykes



Chambers

Having someone new come in that hopefully we'll be able to work with is really exciting," Dykes said.

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Chambers said her party is not tailoring their campaign strategy to athletes or only those supporting the fee increase, but that her party seeks to represent all students, regardless of their stance on the issue.

Instead, she said if she is elected, the outcome of the student referendum will become SGA's stance.

While her party also advocates creating a student advisory panel for the UT system president, an increase in universitywide forums and bolstering relations with international students, Chambers said the most important issue facing the university and SGA is tending to adequate

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Area nets Homeland Security grants

Jon-Michael St. Amant

Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn., announced that the Martin Police Department will receive new homeland security equipment and training as part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's preparedness program.

The Martin Police Department will get night-vision imaging equipment and training worth \$2,407

in an attempt to bolster their preparedness for terrorism and other matters

of national security. Martin is one of more than 2,000 first responder agencies across the nation to receive the equipment according to Tanner.

"We have to make sure our first responders have the resources they need to keep our communities safe," said Tanner.

"Homeland security starts at our local police departments, fire stations and EMT centers, and our security personnel need to be properly equipped and trained to keep our neighborhoods safe."

The Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) helps local jurisdictions ensure they are prepared in case of terrorism, disasters and other emergencies. CEDAP was awarded \$34.6 million by the Department of Homeland Security.

Additionally, the Dresden Fire Department will receive \$8,337 thermal imaging equipment and training.

"Terrorist attacks can happen anywhere not just in metropolitan areas," said Dickie Hart, Dresden Fire Chief who feels this equipment truly fills a need in this area.

Student Voice

Erin Chambers, president
Amelia Kosta, secretary general

Student Relations

Continue to draft legislation concerning campus safety issues (such as campus lighting, cross walks etc.) to better bring these concerns to the attention of faculty and administration of UT Martin.

Improve communication with the student body by continuing the already established SGA Relations Day as well as making new strides to involve more students with the Student Government Association.

Collaborate more frequently with already existing student groups and organizations in order to gain a better perspective of our student body's needs.

Appointed Student Positions

Create an appointed position for Non-Traditional students to gain a better understanding of the issues and problems faced by these students.

Create an appointed position for Off Campus Site students to gain better understanding of the issues and problems faced by those students.

Create an appointed position for Foreign Exchange students to gain better understanding of the issues and problems faced by those students.

Student Advisory Panel for UT System President

Increase the UT system's level of awareness by giving the UT President an enhanced perception of the challenges and issues faced by students.

Give our students more insight into the decisions and system changes implemented by the UT system and the UT President.

Hold forums during which our Student Advisory Panel would give reports about upcoming events and changes as well as receive suggestions from our student body about new issues and projects to discuss with the UT system and the UT system President.

• Erin Chambers is the Student Voice representative for the SGA Presidential election.

"I think the most important issue is the same each year: It's getting more students involved in SGA. We're here, we are listening to their concerns. We do represent them," Chambers said.

YOUTM

Becky Dykes, president
Grayson Uldrich, vice president (unopposed)
Kyle Kragenbrink, secretary general

Improve all aspects of student life, from academics to campus life

In order to improve academics, implement fall study days, equivalent to the spring study days, held right before final exams.

Continue to promote recycling initiatives that have been started this semester.

Work closely with the Director of Student Organizations and host a training workshop for organization leaders.

Strive to make the Student Government Association run more smoothly and more adequately meet the demands of the student body

Host a "Meet the Chancellor" forum in the fall, in order to acquaint students with the new chancellor, as well as for the chancellor to learn about student concerns.

The Executive Council will host meetings with the senators from each academic college in order to better understand the needs stemming from each college and department.

Work closely with the satellite campuses to meet the needs of our off campus students.

Have a special training meeting for all new members of the SGA, in order that they may be able to adequately serve the students they have been chosen to represent.

Build a strong relationship with UTM Administration, so that they are aware of students' needs and concerns.

Executive Council will continue to have a strong presence on campus, allowing us to make contacts with as many students as possible

We will have more active participation in on campus activities, such as homecoming and the civil rights conference.

Encourage more students to add the SGA link to their portal.

Offer more surveys on portal in order to get a diverse student opinion on issues facing the student government.

General Assembly approves second sales tax holiday ahead of summer rush

Danika Parris

In an effort to spur retail spending on select items ahead of the summer spending season, the Tennessee General Assembly has OK'd a second sales tax holiday for Tennessee retailers.

Did you say discount?

Everyone loves holidays and definitely looks forward to the sales and discount days that come along with them. Department stores, as well as specialty and discount stores are usually crowded when those sales go into effect and have an outstanding day in sales. Maybe their lucky

day, or days, has arrived and shoppers will not be the only people enjoying themselves.

For 2007, a new holiday has been added to the schedule that will give people a reason to shop and enjoy. Although not nationally known, for the state of Tennessee, this holiday is the infamous sales tax holiday.

Usually the sales tax holiday begins on the first Friday in August each year at 12:01 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday. For 2007 only, there is an additional special one-time holiday from

April 27-29.

During this holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax: clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item, school supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item and computers with a price of \$1,500 or less per item.

Wondering how you claim the exemption? The exemption is based on the purchase of items that qualify for the holiday. No identification or exemption certificate is required. As long as you purchase an item that qualifies to be sold tax exempt, you should not pay sales tax on the item

sold. Merchants who sell the items that are listed for exemption must participate in the sales tax holiday. If a merchant sells only to other businesses (purchases for a business do not qualify for the holiday), or does not sell items that qualify for the holiday (example: a car dealer) then the merchant is NOT required to participate in the holiday.

Purchases can be made from Tennessee retailers, including retailers that sell through the Internet or catalog if those items are to be delivered into Tennessee. The same items that were previously exempt and tax-

able still apply. Some of the exempt items range from basic school supplies to clothing and accessories such as socks, underwear and scarves- just to name a few. Accessories such as

handbags, jewelry and wallets are taxable.

For a complete listing of exempt and taxable items visit: <http://www.tennessee.gov/revenue/salestaxholiday/index.htm>.

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Tomorrow, sunny with a low of 32. Thursday, expect sunny skies and unseasonable cold.

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JUST BECAUSE

GO VOTE

Last year only 729 students voted in the SGA elections. This year is a opportunity to effect change. So make it happen!



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Our View

Editorial:

Night Vision is over the top

The City of Martin will receive \$2407 to provide "night vision imaging equipment" as well as necessary training for the police officers according to an announcement made by Congressman John Tanner on Friday.

The question on all of our minds is why exactly would Martin need "night vision imaging equipment" when there is such a low predominance of crime in this small town? There was no one able to make a statement to us from Martin Police Department at press time regarding this issue. So, speculation is the only tool at our discretion at this point.

Has there been an increase in cat burglaries, bank robberies or livestock theft that the need for this equipment became evident? An obvious need for the city to obtain in their arsenal? Perhaps if this equipment was used to better enforce the war on meth, we could see a significant use and need; however, aren't other cities successfully capturing these criminals without such equipment?

The community felt that

there was a distinct need for this as they applied for this money. Maybe a better word for this is want as it appears to be the real reason that "night vision imaging equipment" is such a necessity at this point in time.

Granted, Martin advertises the safety and small town feeling to anyone interested in visiting this area of Tennessee. If we are so safe and small in atmosphere, then having the limited police force receive training in equipment used by larger, metropolitan cities is a contradiction to the demeanor that is Martin.

Although \$2407 may seem like a small figure, that money could be budgeted to improving the antiquated four-way stop lights that are in high volume traffic areas or provide supplemental money towards an after school program catered to ensure scholastic success by mentoring or tutoring all school-aged children. Anyone who currently lives, has lived, or ever will live in Martin can recognize that this appropriation of funds is a hyperbole.



More action needed besides shelters

In response to the March 20 article "Process of Pet Adoption Shows Need for Shelter," a shelter will not solve the pet over-population problem.

There's only one solution—spay/neuter.

If we had a local no-kill shelter, once the shelter filled, where would the remaining unwanted pets go? In a kill-shelter, most of the animals would be killed to make room for all the unwanted litters still being born, abandoned, neglected, etc.

In Tennessee, over 100,000 pets are killed in shelters and pounds yearly, over 300/day, according to the Tennessee Department of

Agriculture. The ASPCA estimates that only half of shelter animals are adopted; the other half are killed.

So for unadopted pets, shelters are warehouses where they're caged until they're destroyed.

Spay/neuter deals directly with the problem by reducing the numbers of litters. It's also healthier for dogs and cats and helps reduce pet aggression, wandering, and spraying.

Everybody wins with spay/neuter, animals and people alike. What Weakley County needs is a low-cost spay/neuter program, which can reduce our need for a shelter.

The main cause of pet



Heidi Huse
Guest
Columnist

over-population is human; humans are also the solution.

First, spay or neuter all your pets or volunteer with Ken-Tenn Humane Society. Go to the Ken-Tenn page at Petfinder.com to provide a pet a loving, permanent home.

But there's also a 26-county organization, West Tennessee Animal Coalition, dedicated to spay/neuter and animal welfare. They would wel-

come active UTM student involvement.

Students could also create a spay/neuter and animal education organization that would benefit the entire community. I'm happy to volunteer as faculty sponsor; email me at hhuse@utm.edu.

There are many ways students can help make Weakley County and Tennessee a humane place for animals through spay/neuter and education.

For information regarding West Tennessee Animal Coalition, go to the website at <http://www.westtnanimalcoalition.org>.

Native Americans are excluded out of history books

In this modern time of cell phones, we take for granted, certain phrases, ideas and ideologies seem archaic to some and archaic to others. Take for instance the phrase "Native American."

Hearing this phrase, some of us may think of old westerns on television with some dark-skinned man in a loincloth shouting and dancing around as if he were losing his mind.

The Native Americans are those people who were here on this continent when it was established by foreigners. We all know the story the way history would like us to remember it.

In looking at the Native American, we overlook some of the bravest people this country has seen and in their place, we celebrate a mediocre celebrity's loss of hair and induction into the Rehab Hall of Fame.

In the place of Osceola of the Creek Indians, we marvel at the rather harsh vocal stylings of Sanjaya and who among us knows who Ignacio of the Weeminuches might be?

We don't know these people because we don't want to.

Indians, as we so vulgarly call the people, are those little secrets that we would truly like to discretely put away and pretend didn't happen.

It's astounding to me how we rewrite history to make everything happy when in reality, we've done pretty nasty things to people in the name of "progress" and the all-mighty dollar.

Mention to someone how you may have a certain Native American heritage and see how quickly they chime in with "Me, too! My (insert relative here) is (insert tribe here), too!" and notice the pride that comes over them.

Now, take this little experiment one step further and ask them a pertinent fact about this tribe that ties them to this time frame and see how quickly some fumble over that very pride for a shred of anything to vocalize. Where does their pride go, then?

Some Native American heritage can tell you about



**Christian
Ashlar**
Staff
Columnist

their heritage in great detail that one would only find in the history books. These persons are commendable.

They are the ones that will keep history alive and thriving while a culture is silently, subtly, and oh-so-efficiently rewritten, reworked and reinvented.

There are things that we, as individuals, have done that some of us might not be too proud of.

For these infractions upon our persons, most of us say "I'm sorry" and the apologies are heartfelt and we refrain from making these mistakes again. As a country, there is much that we have to say "I'm sorry."

However, this doesn't erase things being done to Native Americans that will never find apology.

In light of the recent cultural week, I believe this topic is more than a bit rel-

evant because it involves an issue that every one of us here can relate to and care about – heritage.

Heritage is more than where you come from or who gave you life. It is a road map to your past and a plan for your future. It is more than history, it is a blueprint for how we are to treat the coming generations.

You see, many of us are coming to adulthood as the new generation of Native Americans – those born on its shores and raised in its arms. This being the case, we cannot escape our heritage.

The Creek, the Cherokee and the many other Native Americans who came before us, their voices still speak to us and still sound just as proudly as they ever did.

With this column, I hope to give those voices a bit more volume and I hope you'll let yourself hear what they have to say.

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Early registration begins this week for all students

Christopher Turner
Staff Writer

It's that time again, the time of the year that all students look forward to. No, not the end of the semester, registration time! The time when you get to schedule all your classes around your favorite television shows.

For those who plan on returning to the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Fall 2007 semester will begin registration on Monday April 2 at 8a.m. Registration is scheduled as follows in the infographic

When scheduling classes

Registration Schedule				
Graduate Students	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
All hours	Above-110	89.9-75.0	59.9-45.0	29.9-15.0
Apr. 2, 2007	Apr. 2, 2007	Apr. 3, 2007	Apr. 4, 2007	Apr. 5, 2007
Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8 a.m.-forward	8 a.m.-forward	8 a.m.-forward	8 a.m.-forward	8 a.m.-forward
Post-Bac Students	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
All hours	109.9-90.0	74.9-60.0	44.9-30.0	14.9-00.0
Apr. 2, 2007	Apr. 2, 2007	Apr. 3, 2007	Apr. 4, 2007	Apr. 5, 2007
Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8 a.m.-forward	12 p.m.-forward	12 p.m.-forward	12 p.m.-forward	8 a.m.-forward

many students not only refer to upper classmen for advice, the also chose the alternative of going to ratemyprofessor.com. Ratemyprofessor.com is website devoted to helping students choose their professors for the next semester. The website gives a rating of professors all over the country, with a rating of Hot, Good,

Average, and Poor quality, in which students can leave comments from attendance policy, to grading scale.

Students that owe money to the university will be

prohibited to register until all debts are paid, including parking tickets!!

The university urges students not to miss classes for registration, but inform stu-

dents to register at a later time.

Register early as possible to insure that you get the classes you need before they fill up.

UTM student juggles many successes in college career

Ekaterina Marchenko
Staff Writer

Very few students have heard of Jennifer Horbelt's contagious laugh or have been captivated by her bubbly personality, but her enormous energy, sturdy goals and determination have kept her on the right course.

She has always been a kid who loved the attention. Horbelt's talent for creativity would always keep her audience, friends and relatives, amused.

She started participating in a school band in middle school and has been doing this for about six years until she moved out of her native Texas to Memphis. In Memphis, Horbelt joined the school theater.

Acting in the theater plays was a very useful activity that hugely contributed to developing Horbelt's skills for her future career as a broadcasting reporter.

"I have learned about expressing myself, memory and learning my body language and how it moves. Theatre was a big help in

preparing myself for the future experiences in the broadcasting field," Horbelt said.

When it came to deciding on a major, originally Jennifer was considering education.

Nevertheless, television was her real dream from the very early age.

"When I was little, I saw this woman anchor on TV, and I thought it was so cool. So when I got into college, I remembered this woman from the past and realized that this is what I wanted to do."

Horbelt was welcomed by two faculty people in particular, Mr. Richard Robinson and Mr. Rodney Freed.

"They have inspired me in so many ways. That's when I really started enjoying college life," Horbelt said.

Robinson could easily tell the spark of a huge potential in Horbelt, so he hired her to work for the UTM radio station, WLJT as a sales person for public service announcements. She worked at the Support and

Development for a year before she got into news broadcasting. Finally, this summer, Horbelt got an internship with Memphis station WREG News Channel 3, a CBS affiliate. Interning there was a three-month intensive program that she really enjoyed.

"I got to do everything. I got to go out with reporters, help around on the scene, work with equipment and much more. I may have already had some experience at the UTM radio station, but it's a whole new story out there in the real world," Horbelt said.

At times the job was challenging, but this tough Texan girl pressed on and also finished with her resume tape, which she considers one of her biggest accomplishments.

"I put my soul into that tape because I really wanted a good job. I got to edit and write it all by myself," Horbelt said.

Later on this year, Horbelt decided to take on another internship in Paducah WPSD News Channel 6 as a news reporter. There

she had a chance to experience a completely different scene compared to that in Memphis and, therefore, a different perspective in reporting. Three or so of her stories went on air during that internship.

Over the holiday Horbelt kept an open eye on the job market and when she found an open position at WPSD, she sent her resume in. Several weeks later, Horbelt was working as a full-time reporter for WPSD.

"It has been the most stressful, insane and the most fun I've ever had," Horbelt said.

Currently Horbelt is working on one of her biggest assignments, University Scholars project, which is also taking a load of her time.

In the future Horbelt wants to work at one of the top 10 markets in journalism. Texas is where she would always be glad to return in pursuit of her dream job at Houston KTRC broadcasting station.

One thing is for sure, she will continue to work hard.



Photo Submitted

Jennifer Horbelt prepares before filming the final parts of Rodney Freed's television project, "America at a Crossroads: a West Tennessee Perspective."

UTM prepares to help in cancer fight

Chasity Underwood
Staff Writer

Relay 4 Life is a national organization, who's purpose is not only to raise money for the American Cancer Society, but also to celebrate survivorship itself. Relay 4 Life is a great way for communities to get involved with helping to find a cure for cancer. And with so many people suffering the effects of this disease, or having a loved one who has, this event is sure to be a success.

This year's Relay 4 Life is scheduled to take place on June 1 and 2 from 5 p.m. - 5 a.m. The catch to this is that someone from each team has to be walking on the track at all times. The first lap of the night will take place at 7 pm, and is known as the "Survivor Walk"; which is

obviously for people who have battled with the disease and won. There is also a Luminary Service to take place at 10 pm. Candles are going to be sold at \$5.00 for those who would like to purchase one in remembrance of a loved one who lost the fight.

Linda Ramsey, a cancer survivor herself, has served as the Relay 4 Life Event Chairman the past two years; however, she has decided to take on the role as Team Recruiter this year in hopes to get more organizations involved. Last year all sororities on campus participated, as well as the brothers of Sigma Chi. While the committee is thankful to all Greek organizations participating, they also want to advise any student organization on campus to come and participate as well.

The night is certainly an eventful one, with various activities constantly occurring throughout the evening. Last year they held events such as, Relay Idol, Survivor Puzzle, Womanless Beauty Review, and a Pajama Contest. Each year there is also a theme chosen. A few themes from the past have been Mardi Gras, Poker night, Indie 500, and last year's Blast From the Past. This year's theme has already been planned out as Board Games. There will be various activities throughout the night related to Clue, Deal or No Deal, Life, etc.

Although some people may argue that a cure has not been found, a significant amount of money has gone to research. The American Cancer Society research funds have helped to develop the Mammogram and

chemo drugs. Linda Ramsey stated, "Even though there is not a cure yet, there is a lot being done, and far more people surviving." Last year's total raisings reached just over \$116,000.00. The goal for this year is \$130,000.00, figuring to almost a ten percent increase. Ramsey sums up the night as, "a money-making night, but also a time to come, entertain, and have fun."

Everyone is invited to come out, have fun, while reaching out to find a cure for this horrific disease.



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Election Commission's Message

During the Student Government Association Elections, students will have the opportunity to vote for or against increasing the athletic fee from \$104 per semester to \$154 per semester. Elections will take place on April 11-12, 2007 in the University Center Game Room and Gooch Hall Lobby (10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.). Students must have their student ID present to participate in the voting process. Please aid us in making students aware that this will appear on the SGA ballot.

The referendum item will appear on the ballot as follows:

The expenditure budget for UT Martin intercollegiate athletics is among the lowest in the Ohio Valley Conference and \$1,500,000 less than all other Tennessee universities with similar sports inventories. Under current policies of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, state appropriations and general tuition allocations will not be allocated to help close this gap. A \$50 increase in the athletic activity fee each semester would generate more equitable funding for operating budgets, team travel, and recruiting. Currently certain sports and the sports information office have no full-time assistant coaches or staff members. A \$50 increase would fund assistant coaches in selected sports, an assistant sports information director, a new marketing coordinator, and a new intern coordinator that would help create undergraduate internships for all academic disciplines. Finally, a \$50 increase would fund facility improvements for baseball, softball, and soccer (specifically in the areas of seating, lighting, locker rooms, and restroom facilities). A \$50 increase would generate approximately \$582,000 that would help address the funding inequity between UT Martin and other Ohio Valley Conference members. Do you support increasing the athletic activity fee from \$104 per semester to \$154 per semester for full-time students and a pro-rated amount for part-time students to ensure that UT Martin intercollegiate athletic teams have a fair opportunity to compete and offer more positive publicity for the University?

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Jennifer Hickerson named Outstanding 2007 UTM Student Employee

Staff Reports

During her years of service to UTM as the Director of Budgeting and Payroll, Beth Maloan became a strong advocate for student employment. The Beth Maloan Outstanding UTM Student Employee Award endorses Beth's vision to recognize outstanding student performance and develop more challenging employment opportunities to make our students significant contributors to the university's mission and better prepared for their professional endeavors.

After Beth lost her battle with cancer in April 2001, this award was established as a memorial to her and a testament to her belief in our student employees.

This award is given each spring and fall semester to the student who demonstrates a strong work ethic and an exceptional commitment to the University. The ideal candidate must be in good academic standing and demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond normal expectations.

One of the goals of the Selection Committee has been to endow this award. We are pleased to have met that goal. In the spirit of continuing support of our outstanding student employees, we'd like to remind you that you may contribute to this scholarship award through payroll deduction or by sending your contribution directly to the Office of Development. If you are

interested in contributing, you may contact anyone in the Office of Development here on campus. We appreciate your ongoing support of exemplary students, like the one being honored here tonight.

Each award recipient receives a \$1,000 cash award and a plaque to recognize his or her student employment service. Additionally, a perpetual plaque listing the names of all past recipients is in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

Our spring 2007 recipient is Jennifer Hickerson, a senior Human Learning K-8 major with a minor in Health and Human Performance who has worked in Campus Recreation for 3 years.

According to her supervisor, Jennifer "serves

a vital role in the success of our program" and "is willing to do what ever it takes to ensure that the job is being done right. She's one that leads by example and that example has been nothing but outstanding. She exemplifies excellence in leadership, academics and devotion to family, church and work as no other person I've ever seen. She truly is a special person and one that makes UT Martin shine."

Jennifer's position requires evening and weekend recreation supervision of the Elam Center, Intramural Sports supervision, fitness Center supervision, Aquatic supervision, assistance with special event programs, assistance with the promotion of the various

sport and recreational programs, and management and supervision of the "Rec. Check".

Gina McClure also says that Jennifer has raised the standard for sportsmanship in intramural competition. She is a voice on the floor that patrons listen to and respect. Jennifer is the type of person that takes the initiative on every job assignment and makes it better.

Jenny Canary of the

Athletics Department says

that Jennifer "is such a

polite young lady and her

manners are such a big

part of her personality. Her

willingness to always help

is a great attribute."

Jennifer goes above and beyond...not only at work but also at school and in her



Hickerson

community. She goes to school full time while maintaining excellent academic standing and participating in extracurricular activities. She is captain of the women's intramural team and plays for the COCSC co-rec team. She also volunteers at many organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Rake Shakes (raking leaves for the elderly), Student TN Education Association, Weakley Runners, etc.

'An Inconvenient Truth,' kite-flying, demonstrations highlight Earth Week

Staff Reports

The second annual Earth Week, highlighted by Al Gore's Oscar-winning documentary, kite-flying competition and demonstrations is slated April 16-18 at UTM. Earth Day is April 22. The week's events are sponsored by the American Democracy Project, UTM Department of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, the French Club and Second Nature, a UTM student recycling group.

Following is schedule of events:

- April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Boling University Center cafeteria hallway, "Showcase of Sustainability" - what UTM is doing to help the natural environment - variety of displays and demonstrations
- April 16, 7-9 p.m. - Norman Campbell Lecture Hall, Andy Holt Humanities Building, "An Inconvenient Truth," - documentary shown
- April 17, 3-7 p.m. - Pacer Pond, kite-flying competition
- April 18, 4-6 p.m. - Watkins Auditorium, "How can you do your part?" - presentation by Dennis Kosta, custodial manager who oversees the campus recycling program. Josh Isbell, of Collierville, student coordinator of this year's highly-successful fraternity and sorority recycling competition will introduce Kosta.
- For more information, call Dr. Mike McCullough, UTM American Democracy Project director, at 731-881-7325 or e-mail mccullo@utm.edu.

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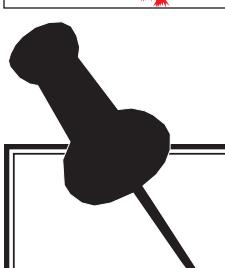


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Open Forum Bible Study

The Spring Forum is exploring this semester's topic: The Gospel of Salvation & The Power of Christ. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in UC 209. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

BeanSwitch

BeanSwitch meetings are held every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in HU 209 (Writing Center). Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Join Psi Chi

If you are a psychology major or minor with an overall GPA of 3.0 and a psychology GPA of 3.2, then consider joining. As long as you have had 9 hours of psychology classes and you are

currently enrolled in a psychology class, then you are in! Pick up an application in the psychology department at the end of the hall on the third floor.

Talk Time

Talk Time is an informal opportunity for students to practice their conversational skills in a comfortable environment. Topics of discussion include current news, entertainment, culture, grammatical concepts, literature and many other subjects. All are welcome. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in HU 209 (Writing Center).

Documentary Screening

Phi Mu Alpha will be hosting a screening of the documen-

tary "Before the Music Dies" on April 9th at 8pm in the Watkins Auditorium. The film is an investigation into the evolution of American music and will feature interviews and performances by Eric Clapton, Dave Matthews, Elvis Costello, and more. Admission is free.

Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? *Pacer* meetings are every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 316.

Upcoming Campus Interviews

The following employment opportunities can be sought: Wells Fargo Financial. Thursday, April 19, 2007. Positions: Credit Manager. Degree: Any Business Related Field. Locations avail-

able: Nashville and Jackson Tennessee. Only 2007 Graduates please.

The Old Maid & The Thief

The Department of Music presents "The Old Maid & The Thief" at 7:30 p.m., April 14 and 3 p.m. April 15 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre. Admission is \$3. Children under 12 admitted free.

Meeting Cancellation

The Sigma Tau Delta meeting that was to be held this Thursday is cancelled. The Spelling Bee that was scheduled for Thursday at 6 p.m. has also been cancelled.

Student Ambassador Interviews

The Office of Admissions will be conducting Student Ambassador interviews on April 12 & 13. If you are interested in giving campus tours to prospective students, come by the Admissions Office, 201 Administration Building to pick up an application and sign up for an interview. Applications must be turned in by Wednesday, April 11.

S.T.E.A Meeting

S.T.E.A will have a meeting on April 11 at 4 p.m. in the LRC in Gooch Hall. S.T.E.A will also be sponsoring a half-price book fair on April 16-19 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 pm on the second floor of Gooch Hall.

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Performer brings down house with real-life comedy

Brad Hadley
Staff Writer

You know that feeling you get when you run for a long time and your side starts to hurt? Well, that is what it felt like from laughing so hard Tuesday night in the University Center. The Student Activities Council's 9:09 comedy series introduced Eric O'Shea to UTM. O'Shea is a veteran of stand-up comedy throughout the college and university scene, and has performed on over 300 colleges and universities, according to talkingcomedy.com.

O'Shea uses everyday life to bring comedy to the stage. He talked about the funny things growing up, [well the funny things we would take about now, but not when we were growing up]. His act also talked about child jumpsuits, I mean the ghastly colored ones with the one pocket in the middle of the chest area [the ones we didn't want to wear as a three- or four-year-old] and also the dangerous swing-sets we all had growing up. "What about the dangerous swing-sets, not the cool ones with the bars and the

tree house in it, but the metal sewage poles for a frame and that when you swung so hard the back poles would come out of the ground" O'Shea said. He also talked about the hot metal slides and how they were so hot that the metal would burn your butt, but then you would get right back up and slide down again.

O'Shea's act made people think about how it was growing up, when people did not have X-boxes or Playstations, and even how then computers only typed in green letters. However, growing up you probably didn't realize how dangerous some of those things were, but now looking back you realize that those so-called entertaining interventions were not the most kid-friendly pieces of equipment. We did not care though; we had fun, and as a kid that is all that matters.

O'Shea also had a fun night, and I do not mean by doing stand-up either. He had a blast picking on the audience as well. For this particular night he had fun picking on the photographer and Chris Engelma, a Communication major from Dover. "I en-

joyed the show and the unique perspective on everyday life, and he made me giggle like a little girl" Engelma said.

Engelman was identified as "Chewbacca" from the *Star Wars* trilogies, due to the amount of facial hair he has. O'Shea also picked on the photographer, because the photographer would always take pictures at the wrong place, from crouch grabbing to inappropriate and sexual gestures to the spanking of his own backside. O'Shea would continue to pick on the audience throughout the night and ending with his impersonations of Elmo, the children's icon, and funny commercials with music that should have been used during their makings.

To find out more about Eric O'Shea, log on to www.ericoshea.com, or to see some of his acts log on to www.youtube.com.



Brad Hadley/ THE PACER

Comedian Eric O'Shea performs for UTM students at the SAC-sponsored 9:09 Comedy Series.

Getting *Footloose* and fancy free in Union City

Jenny Perry
Staff Writer

The Masquerade Theatre in Union City has recreated the silver screen hit *Footloose*. It is known as one of the liveliest musicals ever.

In *Footloose* all dancing is banned in a small Texas town, called Bomont. But this starts to change when a Chicago boy, Ren, arrives. He rebels against the elders of the town, organizing a dance with his fellow high school friends. He soon has the whole town on their feet.

In the process of all this, Ren falls in love with the minister's daughter, Ariel. Ren rallies the other teens against the reverend and the town council. In the end, Ren uses the Bible to make his case and forces the reverend to do some soul searching of his own.

Ren was played by UTM student Taylor Brown. He is currently enrolled in the M.B.A. program. Brown has been the place kicker on the skyhawk football team for the past three years. This was his fourth play at the Masquerade Theatre.

Ariel, was played by Jamie Johnson. This was Johnson's eighth production with the Theatre. She is a graphic artist at First State

Corporate Office in Union City.

The actors rocked the stage to hits such as "Footloose," "Let's Hear it For The Boy" and "Almost Paradise."

"I loved the music and I thought the actors did a fabulous job. They did a good job recreating the movie. I have been to several productions at the Masquerade Theatre and I have always enjoyed the show. The actors always seem to be having so much fun," stated Psychology major Casey Jackson at the show on Friday.

"I thought the play was very upbeat. My favorite part of the play was the last scene, when they finally got to have the dance. They had good dance choreography and music. I also liked the 80's dresses," said Education major Brittany Wiles.

This play ran from March 16 to April 1, Friday thru Sunday. The production was dedicated to the late Mike Dickerson, a former president of the Masquerade Theatre Board of Directors. He served in this position for eight years.

The Masquerade Theatre is a community theatre located in the historic Capitol Theatre. They produce four shows a year, beginning with the spring musical.

Music Departments produces opera

University Relations

UTM Department of Music will present a comedy, "The Old Maid and The Thief," by Gian Carlo Menotti, at 7:30 p.m., April 14, and 3 p.m., April 15, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts Building.

The opera will fea-

ture the following students: Kimberly Kraft, of Martin; Karen Langdon, of Jackson; Erin Horton, of Murfreesboro; Sarah Jenkins, of Cordova; Katy Patterson, of Ripley; Linzie Tedford, of Memphis; Chris Buckner, of Ripley; and Matt Cook, of Martin.

The production is directed

by Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music. Musical accompaniment is provided by Dr. Scott Roberts, associate professor of music. Admission is \$3. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 881-7402.

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Concert worth wait, weather

Rachel Rogers
A&E Editor

Nobody seemed to mind standing in line for hours on end outside of the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville on a rainy day, myself included.

Before you think I'm crazy, let me explain. The cloudy skies and long wait was worth it all just to be one of the first people through the doors for the Evanescence concert.

After waiting for three years for my absolute favorite band ever to come to a town even remotely close, I couldn't believe my luck when my fiance told me back in January they were coming to Nashville. So, as any good fan would, I made plans to miss class to buy my tickets online. I didn't, however, in case any of my professors read this. They ended up going on sale on a Saturday. Still, I was one of the first people to purchase mine.

Of course, it was no problem for me to stand in line for over three hours to make sure I could get to the floor and push my way to the front. Thankfully, however, I had a friend who had gotten there at 11 that morning who was saving me a spot on the floor. I ended up being second row, slightly right of the center. As you can imagine, I was in heaven.

After my last concert, I was ready for anything. Of course, I wasn't expecting there to be a mosh pit. A few crowd surfers maybe, but nothing as extreme as the Flogging Molly show. However, the rude people were still there. It was nowhere near as bad as the last one, but they were still there. One man who was in a wheelchair was on the floor and waited until right before Evanescence came on, when everyone was pushing their way to the front to be as close as possible, decided to make his way to the front. While I understand wanting to be close to the front, especially when you are unable to stand up and see what is going on, there were areas set aside specifically for people in that case. The worse part was those of us already at

Commentary

the front had nowhere to go, prompting other people to get angry at us for not moving to let him closer. Other than that, everyone was nice. I guess when you're so close to people that you can tell if they put deodorant on that morning, you don't have much of a choice but to get along.

Finger Eleven opened the show, and I was surprised by how lifeless the crowd looked. While many people were there to see Evanescence, and only Evanescence, the boys of Finger Eleven put on a great set, despite the lead singer being very ill.

Things picked up with Chevelle, which is no surprise. The girl next to me was a huge Chevelle fan, and her night was made when she got a paper saucer and a piece of cake that the bass player had sent flying into the crowd.

Now this is where the sound problems arose. I was standing right in front of a speaker, and had no trouble at all understanding Finger Eleven or Evanescence. But for some reason, Chevelle's setting had the same problem that I encountered at Flogging Molly. Their music totally drowned out the vocals. Thankfully, for the songs I didn't know, I was close enough to somewhat make out what the vocalist was saying.

Of course, the highlight of the night was when Amy Lee and the rest of Evanescence came out on stage, singing "Sweet Sacrifice". The set was very high energy, with lots of crowd involvement. The band performed nearly every song off of their new album, and many fan favorites from their first.

The best part of it all? When Amy set down at her piano to sing "Lithium", fake snow began falling from the ceiling onto the crowd.

Yes, it was the best show ever. And I hope that I don't have to wait another three years to see them again!

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SAC's film festival offers up laughs, screams, and a whole lot of entertainment

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

Zombies were not the only thing to rise from the dead this past Thursday as the Student Activities Council resurrected the student film festival for the first time in over four years.

"This was something that had been done before, and we [SAC] thought it was time to bring it back. The students get a lot of enjoyment out of it and that's what we're after," said Mishonee Hicks, SAC film and video chair.

Students scattered throughout Watkins Auditorium at 7 p.m. drank lemonade and ate popcorn provided free by SAC while they enjoyed the entertainment. Four students submitted their films in the categories of drama, comedy, horror and other. Justin Chandler, SAC entertainment chair played the part of MC. Additionally, the top three winner received cash prizes of \$300 to first place, \$150 to second and \$75 for third.

Ryan McKee and Rickey Mask took home the first place prize for their film, "Sleeping Dogs Lie." The film was shot using university equipment, and Ryan says he is going to use to winnings to pay for a digital video recorder in order to work on more films for Maker Production, the two students' production company, which so far has produced music videos for the band Ten56.

"We were really excited about winning, but it was kind of sad that there was not more competition. I mean, everyone here had

great films, but I wish there were more," McKee said.

Second place was awarded to Eric White for his film, "The 27th", a comedy about one man's struggle to make up for forgetting his anniversary with a spouse. White has been making videos since 7th grade with hometown friend Jay Baker and continues to do it still as a hobby.

"I loved all the films," said White, "and I am really glad to go home with a \$150. This whole festival is a really great idea."

The third place recipient was Casey McCasland for his zombie flick, "Dead of Night." Unlike the other entrants McCasland used specialized software to produce a completely computer generated film.

"I am really influenced by 80's movies and horror films so I had to do a zombie movie," said McCasland, a political science major.

Last minute applicant "Zackass", the final film, received honorable mention and was by far the most controversial film at this year's festival. The movie, filmed in the typical "Jackass" fashion, showed risky content, including stunts and pranks often involving physical harm to many of

the cast to the laughing and astonishment of the festival audience.

"I was unable to watch it because I was one of the judges, but SAC as a whole screened the films to make sure they were okay," said Hicks, who would not comment further about the movie.

However, fellow contestant Casey McCasland had a few remarks. "In my opinion, movies like "Zackass" degrade moral society and its values."

In any case "Zackass" received its fair share of laughs by the assembled audience.

Additionally, in order to decide the winners of the contest, a panel of three judges was

assembled. Among the panel was Dr. Daniel Nappo, Sean Nanney, and coordinator Meshonee Hicks.

"I know quality," said Nappo, UTM Spanish professor, who, as the interim chair for Modern Foreign Languages, coordinates the foreign film series. This is a good prerequisite for a film judge.

"I wish more people would get together, submit their work, and collaborate for this festival next semester," Nappo said.

This is certainly no problem for students who are interested. SAC intends to bring back the event next fall semester and again in the spring of 2008 due to the success of the festival.

"SAC is here for the students, and we have to think

about what students want, and this seems like something that a lot of people were interested in, not only the applicants, but also the students that came out," said Hicks who was originally nervous about whether the event would come together well. However, after seeing the success of the event, Hicks believes the festival will grow exponentially over the next few semesters.

As far as changes to subsequent festivals, Hicks would like to broaden the categories to encourage more diverse films.

Thursday's festival was a great opportunity for students on this campus to showcase some of their various talents regarding film. The participants of the event and the applicants themselves seemed to enjoy themselves throughout the entire evening.



How they fared:

First place

Ryan McKee & Rickey Mask
Sleeping Dogs Lie

Second place

Eric White
The 27th

Third place

Casey McCasland
The Dead of Night

Honorable mention

Zach Drye
Zackass

"This is something that had been done before, and we [SAC] thought it was time to bring it back. The students get a lot of enjoyment out of it, and that's what we're after."

— Mishonee Hicks, SAC film and video chair

Applicants at a glance



Author:

Ryan McKee, psychology major, and Rickey Mask, graphic design major, are co-creators of Masker Productions, which will host three more films in the future that are reported to go on sale by Masker. The production company also does music videos for Ten56 and Vent Departed.

Film:

"Sleeping Dog's Lie" is a trippy mind bender based around the waking life and dream world of Rickey Mask. The story line is laced with both philosophical dialogue, as well as a bit of comedy.



Author:

Eric White, communications major, is arguably the most seasoned producer of the four competitors. Eric's film hobby started when he began shooting short movies for middle and high school classes instead of doing essays for the grade. Eric is influenced by Spielberg and Tarantino.

Film:

"The 27th" follows one man in his efforts to remember his wedding anniversary to pregnant spouse. The film includes great comedy and one liners from start to finish as the main character sweats out the entire situation, which could happen to us all.



Author:

Casey McCasland, political science major, feels that a great movie is one which displays good quality and has a good plot. He also feels that actors need to have more passion in their work, and there are few left who do. McCasland uses CG graphics to produce his films.

Film:

Inspired by the "Body Farm," which is several acres owned by UT Knoxville for the study of human decomposition, "Dead of Night" is a traditional zombie flick filled with horror, suspense, comedy, and even cliché script lines.



Author:

Zach Drye, a freshman film student at Murray State, had his film "Zackass" submitted by Braden Maddox, UTM student, who acted in the movie. Zach has produced two other movies in the Zackass series and is a member of Team Blandex, the film's production team.

Film:

"Zackass" is part two of a three-part series. The movie includes painful pranks and nearly suicidal students all for the comedic enjoyment of the audience. The stunts were a bit overdone, but seeing UTM students doing it was great.

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From the Geek Corner

April Fools takes Internet by storm

Ah, April Fools. Wasn't Sunday a wonderful day?

Even if you didn't have any pranks to pull on your friends, chances are you still saw a few April Fools jokes online. Here's a run down of the top five.

Google announced a free wireless broadband system that ran "via fiber-optic cable strung through ... local municipal sewer lines." Check out www.google.com/tisp for more "information".

Ebay created a new section for its home page, with a "Top 10 Deals" list that included "Your Face on Mt. Rushmore," "Electoral Votes," "Ocean Front Property in Arizona" and "Evaporated Water."

Facebook found some humor in adding a "LivePoke" feature, which would send a real person to poke any friend.

The popular online game Conquer Club (conquer-club.com) added a picture of a chef to its banner and



Matt Cook
Technical
Editor

displayed all text in either Dutch or gibberish - I'm not sure which. If someone could clarify for me...

LiveJournal (livejournal.com) announced the forthcoming of enough MySpace-esque features to make its users sick.

PC Magazine elected to use its weekly Top 10 slot to cover "Revolutionary Products" ranging from a Nintendo Wii helmet to an LED Shampoo Indicator by Clairol for shampoo bottles.

Check out the entire list at <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2109442,00.asp>.

Many other April Fools jokes from this year can be found by searching Wikipedia.



So small, so sleek

This week's Editor's Choice looks at three top laptops for travel, looking at features such as size, weight and portability.

Danika Parris
Staff Writer

Have you ever been in the middle of a paper or project and had to switch locations, only to find out there isn't a version of a particular software on that other computer?

Have you ever had to drive or accompany someone in the car for a distance, when you need that time to work on your assignments?

If you have ever been in one of these predicaments or something similar, you should definitely invest in a small, travel laptop. Laptops are great for travel, school and students transferring from a collegiate atmosphere to the real world. For these reasons, I have compiled a list of three top-notch laptops available on the market right now to make your search easier.

One of these laptops that are currently available is the ThinkPad X Series from Lenovo (IBM). This series is ideal for those that tend to travel or be away from their desktop computers frequently. Select models are usually found with the new Windows Vista operating system and have Intel® Centrino® Duo Mobile Technology that delivers new levels of mobile performance, reliability, and

manageability. Some other X Series features include security solutions out of the box (X60 and X60s models). The Integrated Fingerprint Reader is built conveniently into the palm rest area of your notebook, making your passwords available at your fingertip. The laptop also comes preloaded with security software.

The X Series also come with five built-in communication capabilities: Wi-Fi wireless, Bluetooth® technology, Ethernet, 56K modem and Infrared port. RJ-45 and RJ-11 ports are standard on all models. High-speed gigabyte Ethernet connectivity is also featured on select ThinkPad X Series notebooks. You will also find unique data protection and reliability features, several available popular accessories and get 10.5 hours of battery life.

This laptop definitely stands out with its distinctive design elements, enhanced function key utilities and ability to work well in low-light conditions. Now the question is how much does this laptop run? Right now, there is limited time special offers that have the laptops available from \$1,200 to \$1,644.

Another laptop that is hot on the market is the Acer TravelMate 3002WTCi. This

laptop is Acer's first less than 4 pound ultraportable. It has terrific processing power, ample features and a value price point that has the potential to take competition head on.

What are some other pros for this particular laptop? It is ultra light weight, has good processing power and it sells for a very attractive price. What are some of the cons? It has poor battery life with a standard battery and it lacks TPM and security software.

One of the things that this company prides itself on with this notebook is that it weighs just 3.2 pounds and slides easily into your bag because it is just over an inch thick. The display is a crisp, clear 12.1-inch widescreen, and the full-size keyboard is comfortable to type on. The 3002WTCi doesn't go with the conventional low-voltage processors commonly found in the ultraportable group. Though low-voltage processors serve the dual purpose of saving power and keeping processor heat to a minimum, they sacrifice performance. This notebook does not do that, but they do bundle an extra six-cell battery at no extra charge, which delivers a runtime of 3:45 but adds 0.7 pounds to the system weight and protrudes about

an inch from the back. You can only use one battery at a time but with both you can get about 5 hours of battery life. This laptop currently runs for \$1,299.

The last laptop of my top three is the Sony VAIO® VGN-FE770G PC Notebook. This notebook also has a slim design and has several features that sell well. Some things that make this notebook stand out are the Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor and stunning 15.4" widescreen display, Windows XP Media Center 2005, 5400rpm Serial ATA hard drive and advanced DDR2 memory enable high-speed computing, resulting in sizzling performance for work and entertainment activities. You can also stay connected to your friends and co-workers with the built-in camera and microphone. This notebook sells from anywhere between \$979 and \$1,249 depending on the type of features and programs you want included.

As technology advances, you should become a part of the evolution and purchase a laptop built for mobility. They are much more accessible than desktops and are available right now for reasonable prices. Hopefully your search has been narrowed down with the choices listed here.

Web site of the week

www. flash .net
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www.virb.com

Jay Baker
Assist. News Editor

It seems today like there are way too many social networking Web sites. Well, I don't mean to add to the confusion, but I've found one that sets itself apart from the others: Virb. It's been described as "Like MySpace, but for people with taste," and that's a pretty good description.

Virb, from the same guys who brought us purevolume.com, has all the basics that you've come to expect in a social networking Web site: a customizable profile, groups, friends, music, band profile pages, videos, blogging and photos. There's nothing revolutionary there, what is great is the presentation. By default, Virb profiles are pretty slick and clean. To combat horrid CSS from so and so's layout page, Virb has a built-in layout customization page that's very easy to use. If you don't like their options, you can

still write your own CSS. Hopefully, this should cut down on one of the biggest downsides to MySpace: horribly unsightly and unwieldy profile pages that take minutes to load when all you want to do is leave a comment or read a friend's blog.

Virb has great music integration as well: find your favorite bands, add their songs to your personal playlist (up to 15) with the option of recommending them to your friends and then pick your top three favorites to have in your personal player displayed on your profile.

For other features, Virb has Flickr integration. It even gives you semi-detailed page view statistics.

If you don't have an online presence yet, maybe you should start with Virb. If you've already got a profile on everything from Facebook to Hi5, well you might as well get an account on Virb, too.

better," said Sanger in a press release. "By engaging expert editors, eliminating anonymous contribution, and launching a more mature community under a new charter, a much broader and more influential group of people and institutions will be able to improve upon Wikipedia's extremely useful, but often uneven work. The result will be not only enormous and free, but reliable."

Even if Citizendium can pull off its lofty goal of eliminating (or at least lessening) the errors, vandalism and sometimes arcane or pretentious writing

that plagues Wikipedia, it will still have quite a bit of competition from its ancestor. Wikipedia has about 1.7 million English articles and many more in languages ranging from German to Zazaki and Voro. Wikipedia has become a shining example of the best (and sometimes worst) of Web 2.0.

Sanger has a plan though. To combat some of

— See 'Citizendium' on Page 8

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ordinary writers will still be able to contribute and are expected to form the bulk of the Citizenendum work force. What's different here is that users will no longer be able to use pseudonyms or IP addresses, they will have to use their real name to edit an article.

It's not clear at this point if Citizenendum will be as successful or surpass Wikipedia, but one thing is certain: competition will only bring good things. Citizenendum is definitely worth checking out, it has the potential to change the world, just like Wikipedia already has.

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student representation in the SGA Senate.

"We've got to get more people involved in SGA," she said. "We're here, we're listening to (students') concerns. We represent them. We want to be a voice to the administration."

Though President James Orr soundly defeated Chambers last year, Chambers said she is more ready now to take on the presidency.

"What's different this year is I got some experience running last year, I'm a little older, and I'm a little wiser." She added, "What hasn't changed is I still want to serve the student body."

Chambers formerly served in the SGA Senate, and is currently working as a legislative intern for Rep. Larry Miller, D-Memphis, in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Both candidates and political party representatives will face off at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Duncan Ballroom in the SGA-sponsored debate.

McCain MySpace site not hacked - 'enhanced'

Jay Baker
Assist. News Editor

"Today I announce that I have reversed my position and come out in full support of gay marriage... particularly marriage between passionate females."

If you happened to visit John McCain's MySpace profile around 9 a.m. last Tuesday, you may have seen that announcement and wondered why McCain would change his stance on such a controversial issue.

Furthermore, you may have wondered why he would make such an announcement on MySpace. Well,

he didn't and he wouldn't.

It turns out, due to McCain's lack of "netiquette," Mike Davidson, co-founder and CEO of Newsvine (a social news Web site), played a prank on him.

"[T]his was a prank. I'm not politically inclined, I'm not anti-McCain, and I'd have a beer with the guy anytime," said Davidson on his Newsvine column.

So why would Davidson pull such a prank? Well it turns out that McCain, like many MySpace users borrowed someone else's profile layout (Davidson's to be exact). Unlike most other MySpace users though, McCain did not give credit

to Davidson.

To further motivate Davidson, McCain did not host the images for his page on his own servers, he instead elected to pull the images directly from Davidson's servers, diverting his bandwidth each time a visitor loaded McCain's MySpace profile.

"Numerous people [had] written me over the last few weeks to tell me that McCain [had] been using my code, but up until I realized he was pulling images from my server, I didn't really care," Davidson said.

Because McCain was pulling images directly from Davidson's

server, Davidson could replace the images with anything he liked (which is completely legal.) As long as he didn't change the filename, he had access to display any message he would like on McCain's profile.

Why gay marriage?

"Abortion? The Iraq War? Probably too heavy to joke about. Gay marriage seemed like a more of a non-lethal subject to center the prank around," Davidson said.

To add insult to injury, when the mistake was finally corrected by the McCain crew, the new image misspelled "group," and read like this, "Add to Gorup."

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Girl Gridiron: The next best thing or flashy fad?

Nashville Dream want to take women's pro football to the next level

Zane Gresback
Assistant Sports Editor

The great American game of football is linked to masculinity more than any other sport.

It is the ultimate display of alpha-male behavior. It showcases raw speed, strength, and ferocity for millions in our country to indulge in every fall. Whether at the high school, college, or pro level, football is the biggest sport in our country and only becoming more ingrained in our culture.

This year another group wants to be a part of that excitement.

Women are beating down the invisible barrier that keeps them off the playing field and are trying to catapult themselves into mainstream attention.

Nashville has a team with that hopeful vision and it is only fitting that their name is the "Dream." But is women's full contact football really worth consideration? Head coach and owner of the Dream, Ben Eakin believes it is.

"Football is football," Eakin said, "You'll be hooked if you come to just one game."

Eakin's Dream held an open tryout Monday, April 2 in Antioch with great hopes that many quality players would come out. The Dream's first game of the 2007 season is April 21 when they travel to play the Chattanooga Locomotion. Holding open tryouts less than a month before the first game is not the best situation to be in to start a season.

Eakin is not concerned with that as much as the lack of financial support from sponsors in the Nashville area. "No one takes us serious enough to support us with sponsorship," said Eakin.

"That's a problem because everything in football costs money."

The National Women's Football Association originated in Nashville and the Dream has been in existence since 2000. 33 teams currently make up the NWFA and cities with teams vary in size. The NWFA slogan is "Baby, look at us now!"

The Gulf Coast HERricanes, the Maine Freeze, and the Tree Town Spitfire are three of the teams in the NWFA with unique names and monikers.

"Our goal for the season is 3,000 fans per game," Eakin said.

That might be a lofty hope with Nashville offering many spring sports that businesses are more concerned with sponsoring. The Nashville Kats of the surging Arena Football League and the Milwaukee Brewers' AAA minor league baseball affiliate, the Nashville Sounds, are two popular organizations that seem like a more lucrative sponsorship opportunity than women's football.

Most players have football experience in some form or another. Some players were members of male high school teams while others avidly played women's flag football.

Unfortunately at the present time, no player receives any salary compensation and all players supply their own equipment. One of Eakin's goals is to see that

change.

"We would love to get the support and attendance to buy our players their own equipment."

Rules of the NWFA are equivalent to the NFL. The length of the game is the same as in the NFL and games are played on a 100 yard field.

Cost of attending Dream games is in stark contrast to the outrageous expenses of attending home Tennessee Titans games, Nashville Predators hockey, and even Vanderbilt Commodore football home contests. A season pass for the Dream is just \$30 with a season-long parking pass included.

If football played by women is indeed similar to the excitement of men's football, the Nashville Dream might be on to something. Their effort should be applauded though the odds to make a successful on-field product are against them. "We



2007 Nashville Dream Schedule

April 21
Chattanooga

April 28
East Tennessee

May 5
Alabama

May 19
Oklahoma City

May 26
Chattanooga

June 2
East Tennessee

June 9
Oklahoma City

June 16
Alabama

June 23
1st Round of
Playoffs

June 30
2nd Round of
Playoffs

July 7
3rd Round of
Playoffs

July 24
Championship
Home games in bold

Women net tennis sweep of Kentucky teams; men split with Eastern Kentucky, Morehead

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk women's tennis team had a victorious weekend, as they defeated both Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. The women won 7-0 against Morehead State and 4-3 against EKU.

The Morehead State match showed how dominant the women can be if they all play up to their abilities. In both singles and doubles not one position was ever down in a match and did not let up.

"This is one of our best matches of the season. All the women were dominant and dictated play throughout," said Dennis Taylor, Skyhawk head coach.

The EKU match was another indicator on how crucial the doubles point can be in college tennis.

Fortunately, the point this time went to the Skyhawks. The women secured the point after coming back from a 7-4 deficit at the No. 2 position and also winning at No. 3 spot. The teams then split the singles action, with EKU winning at the top three spots and the Skyhawks securing the victory with wins at the bottom three.

"We definitely did not play our best tennis today, but the women kept fighting and made a good comeback in doubles and then our bottom three stepped up and gave us the victory," said Coach Taylor.

With these two wins the women improve to 5-1 in the OVC and 9-3 overall. The women will next play at home against OVC rival, Murray State on Tuesday April 3. The action begins at 2 p.m. at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.

The Skyhawk men's tennis team split a pair of OVC matches this past weekend against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. The Skyhawks defeated Morehead State 4-3 on Saturday, then fell to EKU, 5-2, on Sunday.

The Morehead State match showed how crucial the doubles point can be when the singles matches were split, three matches a piece. Fortunately for the Skyhawks, they secured the doubles point, winning at the No. 2 and 3 positions. Then in singles action, Morehead won at the top three positions, while the Skyhawks swept the bottom three positions, giving them a 4-3 victory.

"This match showed how crucial the doubles point really is. If we did not get it then we probably would have not come away with the victory today," said Dennis Taylor, Skyhawk head coach.

Over the years, EKU and UTM have had some tough battles and Sunday's match was no different, when the match came down to four three-set singles matches. This time the victory went to EKU when they won two of the four three-setters and two other singles matches. EKU also won the doubles point, giving them a 5-2 edge over the Skyhawks.

"I was proud of how the men came back in singles, after losing the doubles point. We had a chance to win this match and that's all I can

really ask for. If we continue to fight like this, we will turn these matches into victories," said Coach Taylor.

After these two matches, the men improve to 2-3 in OVC play and 5-8 overall. Next up for the men will be home match against OVC foe, Tennessee State University on Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.



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Skyhawk sophomore women's tennis player Sara Leavy prepares to return the shot of her opponent during a recent match. The women continued to enjoy the success they have seen in 2007 as they swept Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky to improve their record to 9-3 on the season and 5-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Leavy played well on the weekend, winning a singles match against Morehead State's Heather Butt and teaming up with freshman Belisa De Brito to record a doubles victory over the Lady Eagles' team of Adriana Espinosa and Stefane Craun.

The team returns to action when they host OVC and regional rival Murray State at 2 p.m. today at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.

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Skyhawk Sports at Home

Wednesday

Men's/ Women's Tennis vs. TSU
2 p.m.

Softball vs. St. Louis (DH)
2 p.m.

Skyhawks lose series to EIU despite winning opening game

UTM Sports Information

It was not the prettiest way to win a baseball game, but the Skyhawks are not worried about looking pretty when it comes to winning Ohio Valley Conference games at home.

Saturday afternoon, in a steady rain at Skyhawk Field, senior Douglas Nicodemus raced home in the eighth inning for the game-winning run when Kory Peppenhorst's throw to first base on a dropped third strike to Blake Turner sailed into right field.

With the 8-7 win over Eastern Illinois, the Skyhawks improve to 8-16 overall and 1-3 in the OVC standings. Eastern Illinois falls to 9-12 on the year and 2-2 in the league race.

The Skyhawks built a 6-1 lead after four innings. Junior Chris Rezabek hit his first home run of the season in the second inning and gave the Skyhawks a 2-0 advantage. Turner plated two more runs with a double to right center in the fourth.

The Panthers made it a one-run game with four runs in the top of the sixth inning. Jason Cobb opened the frame with

a solo home run off Skyhawk starter Adam Ledlow. Adam Varrassi plated the other three runs with a three-run homer.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, senior Jason Hockaday hit his first home run of the season to give the Skyhawks a 7-5 lead.

Eastern Illinois had a chance to tie the game in the top of the seventh but Skyhawk center fielder Kyle Dudley robbed Richie Derback of a two-run home run when he reached over the fence to haul in Derback's blast.

Eastern Illinois tied the game at 7-7 in the top of the eighth inning when Mark Chagnon singled up the middle to drive in two runs.

The Skyhawks made the best of nine hits off three EIU pitchers. Turner, Dudley and Rezabek had two hits each.

Chadwick Cameron picked up his second win of the season on the mound. He pitched 1.1 innings. Ledlow pitched the first 5.1 innings and moved up to No. 4 on the Skyhawks' career list for most innings pitched (216.2). Travis Webb worked 2.1 innings in relief of Ledlow.

The Panthers bounced back from Saturday's loss to sweep the Skyhawks in a doubleheader on Sunday, winning 8-5 and 8-7 decisions.

The Skyhawks will hit the road tonight for a nonconference game against Lipscomb before returning to OVC action with a road series against Eastern Kentucky this weekend.

The Skyhawks' next home game will be April 9 when the team plays host to Martin Methodist College.

The next home conference series for the Skyhawks is scheduled for the weekend of April 14-15 against the Eagles of Morehead State.

Skyhawk sophomore outfielder Bryce Carden concentrates on an incoming pitch during the Skyhawks' 8-7 victory over Eastern Illinois on Saturday. Carden picked up a hit in two official at-bats and also walked twice.



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Softball team avoids sweep with narrow win over Lady Eagles

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk softball team fell to Morehead State in the continuation of game two of yesterday's doubleheader 4-1. The Skyhawks rebounded to take the series finale 2-1 and move their season record to 16-21. The Skyhawks' Ohio Valley Conference mark moves to 4-5. Morehead State falls to 12-20 overall and 3-8 in conference play.

UTM was two outs away from recording an official game and picking up the win over Morehead State in game two of the series. Mother Nature had other plans, as heavy rain forced the completion of game two to Sunday. The Skyhawks held its one run advantage until the seventh inning when Korey Ellis singled up the middle to score Brandy Bucher from second and knot the score at one apiece.

Morehead State was not done though, with two out and two runners on base Bethany Ellis hit a home run to right field, giving the Eagles a 4-1 edge going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Skyhawks were unable to respond to the Eagle offensive outpouring and fell 4-1.

Paij Lintz was credited with the loss for



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the Skyhawks, dropping her record to 0-3 on the year. Alex Gjerve recorded the win, pushing her record to 8-7. After seeing her ten game hit streak come to a close in game one, Benbow began a new one going 1-for-3 and registering the game's lone RBI for UTM.

In the series finale, Ashley Myatt returned to the circle for the Skyhawks. With the break down at Memphis only days ago still on her mind, Myatt worked through the first inning and gave up three hits, but allowed only one run. Myatt then worked into a groove, allowing only one hit the rest of the game.

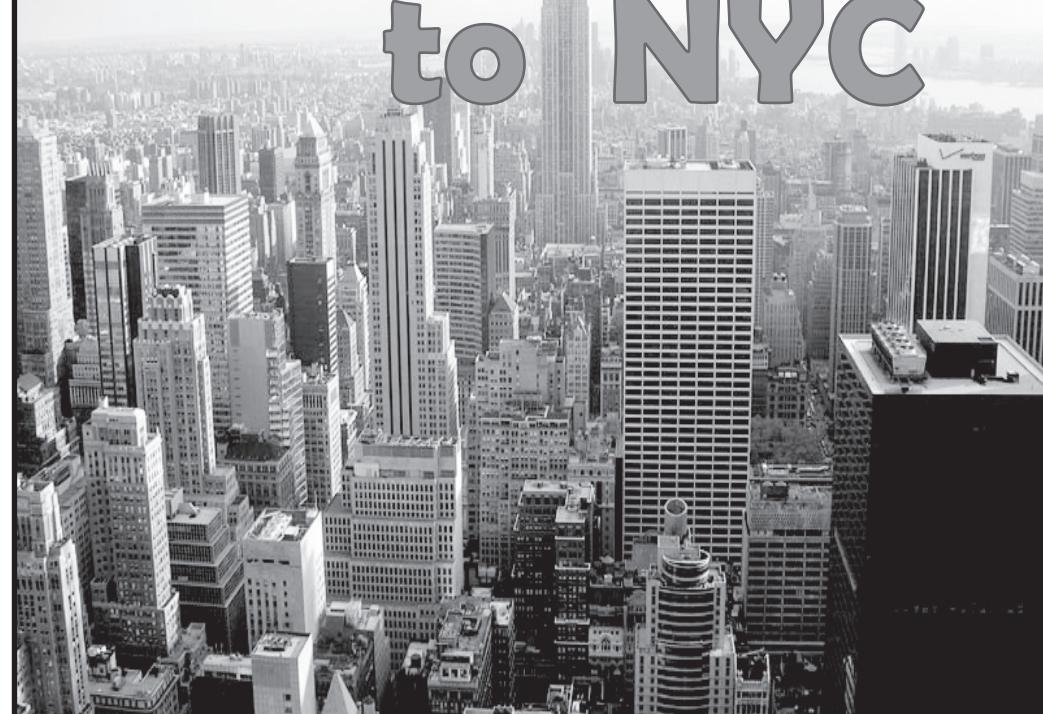
The Skyhawks responded to the Eagle runs with a pair in the bottom half of the first inning. Benbow led off with a single to center field. Savannah Roberts then took advantage of an errant throw to first from Eagle shortstop Allie Honkofsky. Roberts reached second base on the throw and Benbow advanced to third. A Megan Williams single to right field plated Benbow to tie the score at one run each. After a Laura Roberts walk to load the bases, Fallon Lowery lifted a sacrifice fly to left field to bring home Savannah Roberts.

The Skyhawks were unable to record any more runs in the game, but the first inning pair were enough to secure the victory on the back of Myatt's strong performance in the circle. Myatt evened her record at 6-6, while Gjerve for Morehead fell to 7-8.

The Skyhawks will return to action when they step out of OVC play to host Saint Louis University Wednesday afternoon for a doubleheader at Bettye Giles Field. The Skyhawks are 12-18 all-time against the Billikens, but swept all three contests against Saint Louis last season. The first pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Skyhawk outfielder Brittany Nash slides under the tag of the catcher during action this weekend. The Skyhawks scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning of the series finale to claim a 2-1 win over Morehead State and avoid a sweep.

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